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SUBJECT: A-4 TRAINING IN THE PHILIPPINES

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 3821; (B) MANILA 12121; (C) STATE 201421

1. AIRA CALLED PERMSEC FOR DEFENSE PANG TEE POW AUGUST 13
TO REQUEST THAT GOS DELAY SIGNING OF AGREEMENT FOR A-4 TRAINING
IN PHILIPPINES UNTIL U.S. HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW MATTER.
PANG WAS COMPLETELY PREOCCUPIED WITH CURRENT VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND
DEFENSE MINISTER MCCREADY, BUT AGREED TO DELAY SIGNATURE AT LEAST
UNTIL MCCREADY DEPARTS AUGUST 17 AND THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO
REVIEW MATTER WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

2. PANG SEEMED RATHER UPSET BY REQUEST AND POINTED OUT THAT
LAST MAY U.S. HAD URGED GOS TO WORK OUR AGREEMENT WITH GOP
AND COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WE NOW WANTED GOS TO DESIST.
WE PROMISED TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION TO PANG AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT SEND SOONEST SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH IT
WISHES EMBASSY TO CONVEY TO MINDEF.
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